

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/852,009 filed on May 7, 2001. Claims 39-116 are pending in the application. Claims 39-78, 85, 88, 92 and 98-116 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Examiner has objected to Claims 39-67, 69, 74, 76, and 78-116 due to several informalities. Claims 39-116 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) and/or the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim Objections

Claims 39-67, 69, 74, 76, and 78-116 are objected to on the basis of various informalities. The applicant has amended the claims as directed by the Examiner to cure the informalities.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 39-78, 85, 88, 92, and 98-116 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The applicant has amended the claims as directed by the Examiner to cure the specific points of rejection.

Allowable Claims

Applicant has rewritten or amended the claims to overcome the objection(s) and/or the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

The application, including all claims, is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

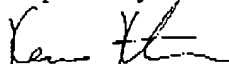
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